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Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Mike Quigley
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 to the Pathway Resource Center Grassy Creek Development and Senior Housing Community Project for fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pathway Resource Center, located at 10119 John Marshall Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46235.

The funding would be used to construct the Grassy Creek Development and Senior Housing Community. This comprehensive development will be to build 70 senior affordable housing units. The mixed-use development project will also include a new operational center for Pathway Resource Center and a grocer on the ground floor. The affordable senior units will be located on floors two and three.

The Grassy Creek project specifically addresses the limited number of affordable senior housing communities on the far eastside of Indianapolis. This project, in conjunction with support services provided through Pathway Resource Center will make this a will an excellent addition to the Indianapolis community.

In April 2021, the Central Indiana Senior Fund (CISF) in collaboration with The Polis Center at IUPUI, SAVI, and the Regenrief Institute produced a report about senior citizens in Central Indiana and found specifically that older adults in Central Indiana experience aging differently based on their race, ethnicity, income levels and other factors. According to the report, there are 58,500 African American seniors in Central Indiana. Of those, nearly 10,869 or 20% reside on the Far Eastside. The report further found that most seniors experiencing poverty reside on the near and far eastsides of Indianapolis where the poverty rates for the general population are also high. High poverty rates and reduced income among seniors have a significant impact on their ability to afford a safe place to live.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will build affordable senior housing on the east side of Indianapolis and address an acute shortage of affordable housing for vulnerable seniors.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress